

Give me your rugged plow,
With your good old team—
We'll make the country bloom,
With these we have to arm!



Washington July 18th
Frank Douglass 1861
Dear Sirs,

I thought as I am on
Police duties to day
as the Conflict is
out on Battalion drill at 8 o'clock
Send another letter to you all its of
living here the fight coming in and
going out every day for days
a few about every fight there is
wounds sent to Virginia and
it may very soon make here but now
that is about 4000 men come as
soon away to Guard if I have to
go on Guard for twenty four hours
Invent Guard in the morning at
nine o'clock I am on the first
relief which comes off at five
in the morning

Then I will till nine o'clock
then I will have to go out
with the old guard and form
on the field and present arms
to the two guards when they pass
from mountain guards then we go
to the guard house and we dismiss
till ten o'clock then we have to
go to the guard house a few and
go about 2 miles and have a
target shoot and the best man
that make the best three shots
have ~~the~~ ^{the} 25 fours so you see that
~~we~~ don't have much of a chance
to go out there is a howitzer
and fifty shots fired at the target
the Guards have drawn out
orders on dress parade that
any man that does not do
the City without a pass
would be arrested as a deserter
If you see I would have ^{the} much
of a chance of getting ^{the} picture

and I hope to get over pay in
this book we would have got
it long ago iff they had
sent him the pay should they dont
now whether the Right is him for
three months month or two years
some say that we are not
expected while some say we are
in for two years and say three months
but all this that we are in for
two years then we are git paid here
will git thirty dollars millage and
all some of the boys that the
United States Govt discharge got
forty five dollars they got paid
for their passage ten dollars and a half
for their clothing and about ~~one~~^{about}
five cents millage for every mile
they travel & I think that you had
better not send many money for
me to git my picture taken as I dont
think that I can git down soon

Very little of I have time till day left
unless if I can go down to the A. S.
will get by future taken for it
we had bought you too much the money
as it can pay for it and you don't
now long he will stay here the reward
and what would yet Marching Orders buy
time that you wanted him but it should
begin to be brought in a long place and
he said that he would probably be here
for he can get in the winter in a
short time from here. Report said that
May 1st they were coming to Washington
I will be glad to see him I would
rather see you all than get
any body else by I seen him
~~the~~ Cousin when I was over
Wednesday with Eddy, Abby & Charles
a kiss for me give my respects to
Mother & Father and all the rest
I seen I guess the Private boy
yesterday he was right on the 2d
Right from New York seeing the boys
that there are a hard set the ~~poor~~
all Poverty boys for Parker the reason
this post is one of the last Great of the
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